GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Construction of Culverts and Bridges
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for construction of culverts and bridges on rural roads were received by the Union Government and NABARD from the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the decisions taken by the Union Government/NABARD on these proposals, proposal-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated and released to the States for the purpose during the period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): The objective of the PMGSY is to provide an All-weather Road with necessary culverts and cross drainage structures, which is operable throughout the year, to the eligible unconnected habitations as per PMGSY guidelines in the rural areas. Rural roads constructed under PMGSY must have proper embankment and drainage. Adequate number and type of Cross Drainage (CD) works, including causeways, where appropriate, must be provided based on site requirements ascertained through necessary investigation. Minor bridges can be provided wherever necessary.

The cost of bridge upto 50 m span (75 meter span in respect of the selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning commission and special Category States) is borne by the Central Government and bridge length beyond 50 m span (75 m span in case of Selected tribal and Backward districts and Special category States) is to be borne by the State Government.

The State Governments are required to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) along with the proposals of necessary cross drainage works/bridges to the Ministry for consideration/approval of projects under PMGSY. The project proposals are scrutinized by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) to ensure that the proposals have been made duly keeping in view the programme guidelines and that they have been duly verified by the State Technical Agencies (STAs). The proposals of the State are then put up before the Empowered Committee chaired by Secretary (RD) in the Ministry of Rural Development, for its consideration. The proposals approved by the Competent Authority are conveyed to the State Government to take further necessary action before seeking funds.

The State Governments also utilize the credit facility of NABARD under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) and other provisions to construct rural roads other than PMGSY roads. Such financial assistance is provided by NABARD directly to States and records of such road works are not maintained centrally by the Ministry.

Year-wise details of proposals cleared under PMGSY are at Annexure-I. Year-wise and state-wise details of funds allocated and released to the States under PMGSY are at Annexure-II.

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